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## EDUCATION SPECIALIST CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

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*Dear Certificate Holder:*

Congratulations on completing the college or university preparation program and meeting the requirements for the Preliminary Level I Education Specialist Instruction Credential. Your Certificate of Eligibility verifies your status as a prospective education specialist and authorizes you to seek employment as an education specialist in public schools in California. Your certificate does not have an expiration date and you need not complete any additional requirements to maintain it indefinitely. You will receive your Preliminary Level I Credential upon verification of initial employment in a position that requires the Education Specialist Instruction Credential, and submission of **all** the following completed items to the Commission:

1. Application for Credential Authorizing Public School Service ([form 41-4](#))
2. Check or money order for one-half of the credential fee
3. Original Certificate of Eligibility (without the original, you will be required to submit the full credential application fee)
4. Verification of Employment as an Education Specialist form ([CL-777.1](#)) completed by the employer

After we receive your completed application, you will receive your preliminary credential, valid for service from the date of your initial employment as an education specialist or the date the application was filed with your employer, whichever is later. From that date, you will have five years to complete the requirements for the Professional Clear Level II Education Specialist Instruction Credential.

You are required to enroll in a Commission-approved college or university program and develop an individualized Induction Plan which includes your plan for meeting the Professional Clear Level II Education Specialist Instruction Credential requirements. Your Induction Plan must be developed in consultation with your employer and the college or university with a Commission-approved education specialist program in the area of specialization listed on the Preliminary Level I Credential. This plan will include academic requirements applicable to all Level II candidates as well as individualized studies and consultants focusing on the needs and employment assignment of the specific candidate.

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